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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed 7 November 2005. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), this response was due on May 7, 2006, a Sunday, and therefore is being filed with a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) on May 8, 2006, the next U.S.P.T.O. business day, thus making it a timely response. While no additional fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. 454892-00043; our docket no.: 34370/US/4).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.